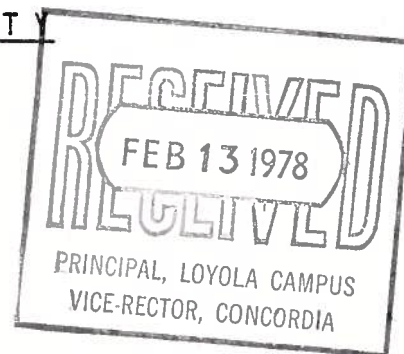


CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering
Minutes of Meeting No. 78.1
of the
Engineering Faculty Council
held
Friday, 20 January 1978



Present: M.N.S. Swamy (Chairman); Professors Bhargava, Fazio, Habashi, Heaps, Joly, Krakow, Krantzberg, Lindsay, Mattar, Pekau, Ramamurthy, Soda, Troitsky, Vidyasagar; Ms Z. Jirkowsky (Library representative); D. Gladstone (Student representative); Professor J.C. Giguere (Secretary)

Absent with apology: Professors Sankar, Xistris
Visitor: Prof. H.J. McQueen

Motion
78-1-1

1. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the published agenda with the addition of items

6.3 Committee on Social Aspects of Engineering

8.1 Preliminary report of Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluation

2. It was agreed to dispense with the question period due to the impending snow storm.

Motion
78-1-2

3. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of meeting 77-12 with the understanding that the attendance list would be modified to show that Prof. Vidyasagar was absent with apology.
4. The Chairman announced that Prof. G.D. Xistris had successfully defended the doctoral thesis which he had submitted to Ecole Polytechnique and that he was confident that Council would join with him in congratulating Prof. Xistris on his achievement.
5. In response to a query, the Assistant Dean noted that grades for the technical report would be available within one to two weeks.

6. Plagiarism

Prof. Lindsay was invited to present recommendations on this matter (Doc. 77-12-3). Prof. Lindsay noted that Council's attention should be directed toward ensuring that the document be amended in keeping with its previous recommendations on the role of the Committee on Honourable Conduct, and on the range of sanctions available.

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7. It was agreed that the Secretary would be responsible for submitting to Senate a set of recommendations to amend Doc. 77-12-3 in keeping with Council's recommendations in this regard on the matter of cheating.

Motion
78-1-3

8. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Doc. 77-12-3 by adding as sanctions those set out in item 77-12-15 of Council minutes.

(2 recorded abstentions)

Motion
78-1-4

9. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Doc. 77-12-3, article II.20, by merging subsections (a) and (b) to read:

"....and the obligation to take and pass at least six credits in addition to the total number of credits required for the programme in which the student is registered. Specific courses to be taken may be specified."

Motion
78-1-5

10. Council unanimously adopted a motion to recommend to Senate the adoption of Doc. 77-12-3 subject to the modifications set out in items 7, 8 and 9 above.

11. Graduate Admissions Policies - Proficiency in the English Language

The Assistant Dean drew Council's attention to Doc. 78-1-1 which was recommended by the Executive Committee to replace previous legislation adopted by Council on this matter.

Motion
78-1-6

12. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve Doc. 78-1-1, it being understood that it will replace Council's previous legislation on the matter.

13. Invigilation of mid-term examinations

It was agreed that the Assistant Dean's office would arrange to forward copies of Council's legislation on this matter to all full and part-time faculty.

14. Committee on Social Aspects of Engineering

The Assistant Dean presented the Executive Committee's recommendation on the creation of a Committee on the Social Aspects of Engineering (Doc. 78-1-2). In response to a query, the Chairman advised that the proposed committee would be the focal point of the Faculty's efforts in this area.

15. It was noted that no provision was made for student membership on the committee. It was agreed that the composition should be revised accordingly.

Motion
78-1-7

16. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the establishment of a Committee on Social Aspects of Engineering, as set out in

Doc. 78-1-2, the composition being amended to include two students, as follows:

"One undergraduate student currently registered for or having completed at least one course in Social Aspects of Engineering, appointed by the E.U.A.

"One graduate student currently registered for or having completed at least one course in Social Aspects of Engineering, appointed by the G.S.A."

Motion
78-1-8

17. Council unanimously adopted a motion to appoint Prof. McQueen Chairman of the Committee on Social Aspects of Engineering for the term 1 February 1978 - 31 May 1979.

18. Proficiency in English - undergraduate

The Assistant Dean advised that UCCC had prepared a preliminary position paper on the question of English language proficiency amongst undergraduates (Doc. 77-9-5). Each Council had been asked to respond in the light of the educational objectives of its programmes. He noted that Council had considered the matter, and had approved in principle the recommendations contained in Doc. 77-4-4.

Motion
78-1-9

19. Council unanimously approved a motion to forward to UCCC Doc. 77-4-4 as Council's response to Doc. 77-9-5.

(1 recorded abstention)

20. CIT films

The Chairman reported that the 77/78 budget for rental or purchase of films was exhausted. He requested each Chairman to prepare for him a list of requirements for 78/79. A composite list would then be forwarded to Mr. Queenan.

21. Report of ad hoc committee on Course Evaluation

The Chairman reported that he had received a draft copy of this report (Doc. 78-1-3). Prof. Vidyasagar presented the main ideas behind the report. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to ask each department, EUSC, EGSC and the Executive Committee to consider the draft. It was also agreed to invite members of the committee to attend these meetings in order to answer questions arising from the report. The matter will be considered at the February meeting.

22. Cheating

Motion
78-1-10

Council adopted a motion to reopen the question of penalties imposed on those convicted of cheating.

(7 in favour; 3 opposed)

Motion
78-1-11

23. Council adopted a motion to replace its previous recommendation on this matter (Motion 77-11-23) by a recommendation to Senate that the range of penalties for cheating be identical to those recommended by Council for plagiarism (Doc. 77-12-3, as amended by Motions 78-1-3 and 78-1-4).

(1 recorded abstention)